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1 I CLAIM: A robot adapted to climb stairs and obstacles, 2 1. said robot comprising: 3 4 a left body section; 5 a right body section; said left and right body sections forming a robot body; a pivotable tail boom mounted between the left and the 7 8 right body section; a plurality of support legs affixed to each body 9 section, wherein the robot body is supported above a ground 10 11 surface; a motor housed in the robot body; 12 wherein the motor powers the tail boom downward in an 13 obstacle climbing mode against a ground surface, thereby 14 rotating a rear end of the robot body upward and forward to 15 accomplish a flipping (panning) of the robot body, thereby 16 effectuating a positioning of a pair of rear support legs up 17 18 and over a first obstacle; and wherein the motor again powers the tail boom downward 19 and repeats the panning of the robot body over a second 20 21 obstacle. 22

2. The robot of claim 1, wherein the plurality of

- 1 support legs further comprise a left forward and rearward
- 2 set of wheels and a right forward and rearward set of
- 3 wheels, all said wheels having a driving source mounted
- 4 inside the robot body, thereby enabling the robot to travel.

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- 6 3. The robot of claim 2, wherein the left set of wheels
- 7 has a motive power source, and the right set of wheels has a
- 8 motive driving source, thereby enabling a turning of the
- 9 robot by varying a speed of the left and right set of
- 10 wheels.

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- 12 4. The robot of claim 3, wherein the left and the
- 13 right bodies are each a separate housing interconnected by a

- 14 central axle, thereby providing an independent movement of
- 15 each body about the center axle.

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- 5. The robot of claim 4, wherein the motive driving
- 18 source further comprises a left and a right motor housed in
- 19 their respective body sections.

- 21 6. The robot of claim 4 further comprising a remote
- 22 signal receiver and a control processor, wherein the remote

- 1 signal carries control information including speed.
- 2 direction and a stair climbing mode, wherein the stair
- 3 climbing mode comprises a locking of the left and the right
- 4 bodies in a fixed position relative to one another, and the
- 5 tail boom is lowered downward to pan the robot body while
- 6 all the wheels are powered forward.

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- 8 7. The robot of claim 6 further comprising a video
- 9 camera having a transmitter for its signal.

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- 11 8. The robot of claim 7, wherein the video camera is
- 12 mounted on the tail boom.

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- 14 9. The robot of claim 8 further comprising a
- 15 microphone and a speaker and an audio transmitter.

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- 17 10. The robot of claim 7 further comprising a payload
- 18 area.

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- 20 11. The robot of claim 8, wherein the tail boom has
- 21 variable length mode of remote control operation.

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- 23 12. The robot of claim 11, wherein the variable length
- 24 mode further comprises a telescoping tail boom having a worm
- 25 gear drive.

- 27 13. The robot of claim 7 further comprising a remote
- 28 control unit having a user headgear heads up display and a

1 joystick control module.

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- 3 14. The robot of claim 13, wherein the robot and the
- 4 remote control unit each have a separate battery power
- 5 source.

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- 7 15. The robot of claim 14, wherein the robot further
- 8 comprises a speaker and a microphone, and the user headgear
- 9 further comprises a microphone and a speaker sending a voice
- 10 signal to the robot via the remote control unit.

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- 12 16. The robot of claim 7 further comprising a remote
- 13 control unit having a video screen and a control panel to
- 14 control the robot.

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- 16 17. The robot of claim 2 further comprising an
- 17 environmental sensor and a transmitter for sending the
- 18 environmental sensor signal to a remote receiver.

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- 20 18. The robot of claim 8, wherein the tail boom has a
- 21 remote controllable positioning mechanism.

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- 23 19. The robot of claim 4, wherein the robot has a
- 24 positive buoyancy in water, and the wheels have a paddle
- 25 type extension.

- 27 20. A robot comprising:
- 28 a left clam shell housing means functioning to house a front

- 1 and a rear wheel and a motor for powering the left wheels,
- 2 and providing a connection to an interconnect axle;

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- a right clam shell housing means functioning to house a
- 4 front and a rear wheel and a motor for powering the right
- 5 wheels and providing a connection to the interconnect axle,
- 6 thereby enabling an independent axial motion between the
- 7 left and the right clam shell housing means when traversing
- 8 a rough terrain; and
- 9 a tail boom means mounted between the left and the right
- 10 clam shell housing means functioning to controllably push
- 11 down against a ground surface causing the left and the right
- 12 clam shell housings to flip (pan), thereby placing the left
- 13 and the right rear wheels forward and on top of an obstacle,
- 14 thus defining a stair climbing mode.

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- 16 21. The robot of claim 20, wherein the stair climbing
- 17 mode further comprises a locking of the left and the right
- 18 clam shell housings into a fixed position relative to one
- 19 another.

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- 21 22. The robot of claim 21 further comprising an on
- 22 board video camera with a transmitter.

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- 24 23. The robot of claim 22 further comprising a remote
- 25 control station having a receiver for the video camera
- 26 signal and a control panel to control the robot.

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28 24. The robot of claim 23, wherein the tail boom means

1 further comprises a mount for housing the video camera.

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- 3 25. The robot of claim 24, wherein the tail boom has
- 4 an independent position controller controlled by the remote
- 5 control station.

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- 7 26. The robot of claim 25, wherein the remote control
- 8 station further comprises a user headgear mounted heads up
- 9 display.

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- 11 27. The robot of claim 26, wherein each of the robot
- 12 and the remote control station has a battery pack.

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- 14 28. The robot of claim 21 further comprising a payload
- 15 area.

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- 17 29. The robot of claim 20, wherein the tail boom means
- 18 further comprises a motor mounted either in the right or the
- 19 left clam shell housing means.

- 21 30. A surveillance robot comprising:
- a robotic body having a video camera;
- a stair stepping mechanism housed in the robotic body;
- 24 a left, right, forward, reverse direction mechanism
- 25 housed in the robotic body;
- a remote control station having a communication module

1 to control the stair stepping, left, right, forward and

- 2 reverse directions of the robot;
- 3 wherein the remote control station further comprises a
- 4 user headgear assembly having a heads up display to receive
- 5 a signal from the video camera and display it in front of
- 6 the user's eyes; and
- 7 wherein the stair stepping mechanism further comprises
- 8 a left clamshell and a right clamshell body segment
- 9 interconnected by a central axle, a tail boom mounted
- 10 between the left and the right body segment on the central
- 11 axle, said tail boom having a power source to force it down
- 12 against a ground surface causing the robotic body to flip
- 13 (pan), thereby effecting an upward, climbing motion.

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- 15 31. The robot of claim 30, wherein the left and the
- 16 right clamshell bodies each have a motor to power a front
- 17 and rear wheel in each respective clamshell body segment.

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